

# Petersburg National Battlefield 2015 Schedule of Events



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**CW150 Anniversary Programs in Red Text**

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# Schedule of Artillery Demonstrations

**Pegram's Company of Virginia Light Artillery (C.S.A.)**  
**Demonstrations for the dates listed below will occur behind the**  
**Eastern Front Visitor Center**  
**1:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

February 22

August 30

April 26

September 27

May 24

October 25

June 28

December 20

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**Also... (1:00 - 4:30 pm)**

July 26

Eastern Front Unit, Tour Stop 8 (The Crater)

November 22

Eastern Front Unit, Tour Stop 3

**Cooper's Battery (U.S.A.)**  
**Demonstrations for the dates listed below will occur behind the**  
**Eastern Front Visitor Center**  
**1:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

February 21

August 8

April 11

September 12

May 9

October 17

June 13

December 12

## March

### City Point's Tom Sawyer - Walking Tour

**Date:** Sunday , March 1, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am & 2:30 pm  
**Location:** Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.  
**Contact:** Randy Watkins Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205

### Freedom Ball

**Date:** Friday, March 13, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00—11:00 pm  
**Location:** 1 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, VA  
**Contact:** Robert Webster Robert\_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 223

Dinner, music and a guest lecturer will be part of the Black History Month event. A \$12 donation is requested.

### United States Colored Troops in Winter Camp

**Date:** Saturday, March 14, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am-11:00am & 1:00-2:00pm  
**Location:** Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front Unit, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Robert Webster Robert\_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Learn about the lives of United States Colored Troops and how they spent their time in camp during the winter

### Jack Tars and Virginia Boatmen on the James and Appomattox Rivers

**Date:** Sunday , March 15, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:30 pm  
**Location:** Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.  
**Contact:** Randy Watkins Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205

City Point was a minor James River port during most of the Civil War but played a significant part in the lives of the people of the area. Maritime and naval operations on the James River took place throughout the war and not just during the siege. Through this living history program learn about their weaponry, navigation, knot making, and other skills they practiced.

### St. Patrick's Day for the Irish Brigade

**Date:** Tuesday March 17, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault Tracy\_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

### **Abraham Lincoln at the Siege of Petersburg**

**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2015  
**Time:** Noon  
**Location:** Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine Ann\_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

A ranger presentation on President Lincoln's visit to City Point, Petersburg and Richmond during the waning days of the Civil War in Virginia.

### **Military Justice at City Point - Walking Tour**

**Date:** Sunday, March 22  
**Time:** 10:00 am & 2:30 pm  
**Location:** Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell  
**Contact:** Randy Watkins Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x205

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : Battles of Ft. Stedman and Jones Farm Real Time Tours**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
**Time:** Ft. Stedman 5:00 am – 8:00 am & Jones Farm 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm  
**Location:** Ft. Stedman Tour Stop #5 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
Jones Farm Tour Stop #3 Western Front, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA  
**Contact:** Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : Battle of Five Forks Living History**

**Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault Tracy\_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

### **What Women Wore**

**Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am—11:30 am  
**Location:** General Grant's Headquarters Unit  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine Ann\_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

Living historian and seamstress Connie Clowers displays and demonstrates what women wore in the 1800s. Her fashion program will be followed by a moving reading of, "Julia Grant's Letter to her Grandchildren".

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : The River Queen Conference: Living History & Panel Discussion**

**Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2015  
**Time:** 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Beacon Theater 401 N. Main St., in Hopewell, Virginia  
**Contact:** Chris Bryce Chris\_Bryce@nps.gov / 804- 732-3531 x201

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : Nighttime Tours of Five Forks Battlefield**

**Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2015  
**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA  
**Contact:** Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : Battle of Ft. Gregg Living History**

**Date:** Sunday, March 29, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Tour Stop #4 Western Front, Sampson Rd. & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dinwiddie Co. VA  
**Contact:** Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

## **APRIL**

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : The Battle of Five Forks Real Time Tours**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
**Time:** US Cavalry Advance & CS Response 1:00 pm -2:00 pm &  
US Infantry Advance & CS Infantry Response 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
**Location:** First tour starts at Five Forks Visitor Center 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA  
Second tour starts at horse lot on White Oak Road east of Five Forks intersection  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault Tracy\_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

### **Faces of Five Forks**

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
Time: 2:30—3:30 pm  
Location: Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA  
Contact: Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth\_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : Breakthrough Real Time Tour**

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015  
Time: 5:30 am – 6:30 am  
Location: Tour Stop #3 Western Front, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA  
Contact: Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : Breakthrough: Ft. Mahone Commemorative Ceremony**

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015  
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Location: Ft. Mahone & Pennsylvania Monument on Wakefield Drive, Petersburg VA  
Contact: Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : Breakthrough: Battle of Ft. Gregg Commemorative Ceremony**

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015  
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Location: Tour Stop #4 Western Front, Sampson Rd. & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dinwiddie Co. VA  
Contact: Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> : Lincoln in Petersburg Bus Tour**

Date: Friday, April 3, 2015  
Time: 9:30 am 12:30 pm  
Location: Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA  
Contact: Chris Bryce Chris\_Bryce@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x201

### **Lincoln at City Point**

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2015  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Location: Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA  
Contact: Ann Blumenschine Ann\_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

Presentation on the nearly two weeks President Lincoln spent at City Point from late March to early April 1865.

### **From Slavery to Freedom**

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015  
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Location: Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
Contact: Robert Webster Robert\_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Travel to the location where slaves and slave owners walked the streets of Petersburg. Learn about the issues facing these citizens as the Civil War comes to an end in 1865.

## May

### USCTs at the Siege of Petersburg

**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Location:** Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Robert Webster Robert\_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Travel to the locations where African-American soldiers fighting for the Union army served during the siege and learn of their contributions to the Union victory.

### "...a perfect waste:" Destruction and Reconstruction of the Land and People

**Date:** Saturday, May 23, 2015  
**Time:** 1:00pm -4:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel\_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This caravan tour will explore how people and landscapes were impacted by the Civil War. The tour starts at City Point and will end at the Crater Battlefield in the Eastern Front.

### Sacred Ground: A History of Our National Cemeteries

**Date:** Sunday May 24 & Monday May 25, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00am & 2:00pm each day  
**Location:** Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth\_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

Talks at Poplar Grove National Cemetery will be on the history of America's military cemeteries 150 years after the end of the Civil War.

## JUNE

### Corlins Corner

**Date:** Friday June 12, 2015  
**Time:** 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Corner of Bank and Sycamore Streets, Petersburg, VA  
**Contact:** Robert Webster Robert\_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Visit the area in Petersburg to learn about how human beings were bought, sold and rented as domestics and laborers.

### Union Assaults: Prelude to the Crater

**Date:** Thursday June 18, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Tour Stop #7 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault Tracy\_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

### **Juneteenth at City Point**

**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.  
**Contact:** Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

The Washington Cultural Foundation, Petersburg National Battlefield and the City of Hopewell present the 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Juneteenth. The Juneteenth National Freedom Celebration in America event begins at 10:00 am with a Libation ceremony on the James River Waterfront in the historic City Point section of Hopewell. Activities will continue at the General Grant's Headquarters Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield, and will include music, lectures, artillery demonstrations, children's activities, and exhibitions.

### **Marble Men**

**Date:** Saturday June 20, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Location:** Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth\_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

A Ranger-led tour of Poplar Grove National Cemetery exploring the stories of the men who made the ultimate sacrifice.

### **The Pegrams Lost at Petersburg**

**Date:** Monday June 29, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault Tracy\_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

The Pegram family lived outside of Petersburg and paid dearly as their sons John and William lost their lives amid the fighting of the siege. Learn about their lives and contributions to the Confederate cause.

## **JULY**

### **Battle of the Crater: Living History**

**Date:** Saturday July 25, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00am – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center and Tour Stops #7 & #8, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Living history programs and ranger-led walks will be provided throughout the day.

### **Remember the Glorious Dead: The Battle of the Crater**

**Date:** Thursday, July 30, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Location:** Blandford Church Reception Center 319 S Crater Rd, Petersburg, VA  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger [Elizabeth\\_Dinger@nps.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov) / 804-732-3531 x208

A special event commemorating southern soldiers killed at the Battle of the Crater, this walking tour will allow participants to learn the story of this encounter, view memorial plaques and stones in Blandford Church and Cemetery. Admission is free. This partnership event is sponsored by the City of Petersburg Museums and the Petersburg National Battlefield.

## **AUGUST**

### **The Lives of Petersburg's Enslaved and Free Black People**

**Date:** Saturday August 1, 2015  
**Time:** 10:30am & 2:30pm  
**Location:** Historic Petersburg Courthouse, 7<sup>th</sup> Courthouse Avenue, Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney [Emmanuel\\_Dabney@nps.gov](mailto:Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov) / 804-732-3531 x222

This tour will highlight the role of slaves and slavery in Petersburg's commerce and highlight the lives of free blacks. Visitors can expect to see buildings that showcase the architecture of urban slavery. The tours are free, but each of the two tours is limited to 20 people and visitors will need to make reservations. Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney at (804) 732-3531 x222 or by e-mail at [Emmanuel\\_Dabney@nps.gov](mailto:Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov) to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address and how many vehicles will be in your party. Confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail.

### **From Slavery to Freedom**

**Date:** Saturday, August 8, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Robert Webster [Robert\\_Webster@nps.gov](mailto:Robert_Webster@nps.gov) / 804-732-3531

Travel to the location where slaves and slave owners walked the streets of Petersburg. Learn about the issues facing these citizens as the Civil War comes to an end in 1865.

### **Decorating from the Grand Tour: The Eppes' Art Collection**

**Date:** Saturday August 15, 2015  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** General Grant's Headquarters Unit, 1001 Pecan Ave., Hopewell, VA  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney [Emmanuel\\_Dabney@nps.gov](mailto:Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov) / 804-732-3531 x222

This program explores the art collection of the Eppes family at City Point. The program is free and takes place at Grant's Headquarters at City Point (1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA). Visitors will get a chance to hear about the items that the Eppes' bought in Europe; and they also will get a chance to see some of the artwork that is original to the family.

### **The Fight for the Weldon Railroad**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Ft. Wadsworth, Western Front Tour Stop #1, Halifax Rd. & Flank Rd. Petersburg, VA  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault Tracy\_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-7532-3531 x 200

Rangers presentation on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege

### **Concert at City Point**

**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine Ann\_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

Bring a chair and relax (or march!) while listening to the 392<sup>nd</sup> Army Band from Ft. Lee.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Petersburg's Patients and Prisoners Part 2**

**Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2015  
**Time:** 10:30 am & 2:30 pm  
**Location:** Departs from 201 West Washington Street in Petersburg, VA  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel\_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

The 2 hour driving tour will cover sites associated with Petersburg's Civil War hospitals and prisoner of war sites. Participants will follow the ranger in their vehicles For anyone who went on the tour offered in 2014, there will be different sites on this tour. The tours are free; but, due to parking constraints the morning and afternoon tours are limited to 8 vehicles each and visitors must make reservations. Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address and how many vehicles will be in your party. Carpooling with family and friends is highly encouraged. Confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail.

### **The Forgotten Fourteen**

**Dates:** Saturday, September 26, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am & 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Robert Webster, Robert\_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x223

African-American infantry men fighting for the United States in the Civil War earned sixteen Medals of Honor. Fourteen of these medals were earned during the siege at the Battle of New Market Heights. Discover what these men achieved, their lives after the war and how they are remembered today.

### **Battle of Peebles' Farm**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Fort Fisher, Western Front Unit Tour Stop #3, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault Tracy\_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-7532-3531 x 200

Ranger's presentation on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege.

## October

### Hard Liquor and Women

**Date:** Saturday, October 3, 2015  
**Time:** 10:30 am, 1:315 pm, & 2:30 pm  
**Location:** Farmer's Market parking lot at 9 Old Street, Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Grant Gates [Grant\\_Gates@nps.gov](mailto:Grant_Gates@nps.gov) / 804 732-3531 x202

A one hour walking tour and living history event will begin at the Farmer's Market parking lot in Old Towne Petersburg. "Hard Liquor and Women" will follow an 1864 newspaper reporter as he walks the streets of Old Towne Petersburg making observations and conducting interviews to see how Confederate soldiers pass their scarce leisure time away from the boredom, noise and danger of the City's defense lines. Accompany the reporter as he explores a side of the Siege of Petersburg that is rarely written about.

### United States Colored Troops in Winter Camp

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2014  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Robert Webster [Robert\\_Webster@nps.gov](mailto:Robert_Webster@nps.gov) / 804-732-3531

Learn about the lives of United States Colored Troops and how they spent their time in camp during the winter months.

### National Park Service Family Feud

**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine [Ann\\_Blumenschine@nps.gov](mailto:Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov) / 804-732-3531 x203

Come watch teams show off their park service knowledge as they compete for prizes.

## November

### Poplar Grove National Cemetery 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Luminary (Depending on Start of Rehabilitation Project)

**Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2015 (Tentative )  
**Time:** 5:30pm – 8:00pm  
**Location:** Meet at designated parking lot for Free shuttle to Cemetery

Petersburg National Battlefield will honor veterans past and present by literally shedding light on the gravesites of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend their country. The Luminary will take place at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. Parking for the event will be off site and free shuttle buses will transport visitors to and from the cemetery. There will be no parking allowed at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. The evening program at Poplar Grove National Cemetery includes each of the 6000 graves being marked with a luminary candle, music, and selected stories of those who laid down their lives for their beliefs. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes as the cemetery ground is uneven. Flashlights are also recommended to avoid stepping on tree roots. Please call (804) 732-3531 x208 for more information.

### **Confederate Countermines**

**Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2015 (Rain Date Nov. 21, 2014)  
**Time:** 1:00pm  
**Location:** Tour Stop #5 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel\_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This walking tour will allow visitors to see where Confederates countermined beyond the Crater battlefield. This tour requires reservations and is limited to 20 participants. Participants will have to ford a creek and climb some rugged, hilly terrain with no real trails. Appropriate waterproof shoes and clothing is necessary to access this portion of the battlefield. . Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address.

### **Thanksgiving in the Trenches**

**Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2015  
**Time:** 5:30pm & 6:45pm  
**Location:** Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA  
**Contact:** Grant Gates Grant\_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Visit Petersburg National Battlefield to witness how soldiers, Union and Confederate, observed the Thanksgiving season. Guided lantern tours will take place at tour stop #3 of the Eastern Front Unit. Each tour will consist of five stops where different scenes will play out depicting moments of peace to moments of violence. The event is free of charge.

Reservations are required to participate in this tour. To make a reservation, please call (804) 732-3531 ext. 202. Reservations can also be requested by e-mailing. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address as confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail. Register early as there is a limit of 30 people per tour.

## **December**

### **Union Aid Organizations during the Petersburg Campaign**

**Date:** Saturday, December 5, 2015  
**Time:** 1:00pm  
**Location:** Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel\_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222